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SUBJECT: CODEL STEVENSON

1. SENATOR ADLAI STEVENSON (DEM. ILL.) AND HIS LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT WILLIAM BUELL (FSO-RET) WILL BE VISITING DAMASCUS FEBRUARY 15-17 AS PART OF A TRIP TO SEVERAL MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES. SENATOR DOES NOT PLAN TO VISIT LEBANON.

2. FYI: SENATOR RECENTLY MET WITH CLOVIS MAKSOUD AND MAKSOUD HAS VOLUNTEERED TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR THE SENATOR WITH ARAFAT OR OTHER PLO REPRESENTATIVE. ACCORDING TO MAKSOUD MEETING MAY BE IN EITHER DAMASCUS OR BEIRUT IF SITUATION PERMITS. IF MEETING TO BE IN BEIRUT, MAKSOUD SAID HE COULD PROBABLY ARRANGE TO TRANSPORT SENATOR THERE FROM DAMASCUS BY HELICOPTER, PRESUMABLY RETURNING IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER TO DAMASCUS. INGERSOLL

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